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Sirs;

I am the I. T. Manager for Techspray L.P. located in Amarillo Texas. I have been involved in the Computer industry for over 15 years as a programmer, project leader, and manager. During this time I have kept myself up to date on the events in the industry. I tell you this so that you will have some idea of who I am.

About the Microsoft Antitrust Settlement: I fear that you have done our industry, our country, and indeed the world a grave disservice by giving Microsoft what amounts to a free ticket to continue the dirty, underhanded, bully-boy tactics that has made them famous over the years. They have shown in the past that they will only give insubstantial lip service to honoring their agreement. Do you believe you have the resources or the necessary expertise to actually make them abide by the rules set out? You can bet that they don't think so.

In effect, by accepting this settlement, you have thrown away everything that we spent millions of dollars achieving. Nothing will change. Microsoft will continue to bully the industry, squelching any hope of true innovation or improvement in the state of our software. Their software will continue to be buggy and full of security holes because they know they can use any unethical or even illegal means to crush any competition that comes along and now they have the seeming full blessing of the DOJ behind them.

I am saddened by the lack of backbone, the appearance of complicity, the DOJ has shown by accepting this settlement. It is a sad day for my industry.

Sincerely

Duane Crowley